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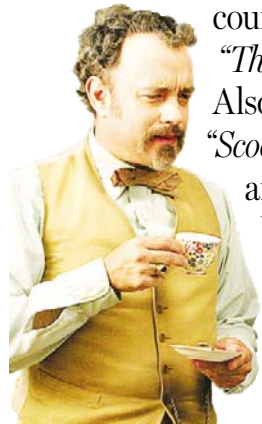


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JOINING FORCES: Presidential candidate John Kerry, left, gets a handshake and an endorsement from former rival Howard Dean during a stop at George Washington University. Dean said Democrats need to band together to oust President Bush. ♦ **Support:** Democrats rally behind Kerry | Page 3

Bill Adds Fetus Rights

'Unborn Victims' measure heads to president's desk

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted Thursday to make it a separate crime to harm a fetus during commission of a violent federal crime, a victory for those seeking to expand the legal rights of the unborn.

The 61-38 vote on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act sends the legislation, after a five-year battle in Congress, to President Bush for his signature. The White House said in a statement that it "strongly supports protection for unborn children." The House passed the bill last month.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said the bill was "powerful because this act is about simple humanity, about simple reality."

But abortion rights lawmakers contended that giving a fetus the same legal rights as its mother sets a precedent that could be used in future legal challenges to abortion rights.

The bill states that an assailant who attacks a pregnant woman while committing a violent federal crime can be prosecuted for separate offenses against both the woman and her unborn child. The legislation defines an "unborn child" as a child in utero, which it says "means a member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb." JIM ABRAMS (AP)

Now Arriving: More Useful Metro Signs

WASHINGTON | Metro announced plans Thursday to make its train information signs more useful — including displaying simultaneously the lines, destinations and arrival times for as many as three incoming trains.

Passengers won't see that feature until January. But beginning this month, Metro is getting rid of the "approaching" message and replacing it with a two-minute warning before a train pulls into a station. Riders would still see the "arriving" message when a train is 30 seconds away.

Metro also will flash train departure messages at end-of-line stations within a month, where passengers now have no idea when a train will leave. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH | Buckle Up Your Pup Santa Fe, N.M., is considering requiring doggie seat belts. A major rewrite of the city's animal control ordinance proposes that dogs be buckled up when riding in trucks and other vehicles. The ordinance endorsed Tuesday



by a City Council committee would require an animal in the bed of a truck to be "restrained ... so it cannot fall or jump from the truck or be strangled." It also would require that any animal "in or on" a vehicle be restrained to keep it from falling out. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



SERGEI KARPUKIN/REUTERS

PERKS

Foam for Everyone

It was a cappuccino sure to give someone enough of a jolt to get through several days — but there were plenty of people to share it with. A team of six in Moscow tried on Thursday to earn an entry in Russia's book of records by preparing the biggest cup of cappuccino. The coffee cup weighs 110 pounds and is 1.5 feet high with a 2.3-foot diameter, Reuters reports. About 8 gallons of water, 18.5 gallons of milk and 15 pounds of coffee were used in the creation. (EXPRESS)

ROAD HAZARDS Greasy Guts

It's been a slippery ride on California's Coachella Valley roads. Hundreds of caterpillars have been inundating desert roads this week, and many of the three-inch critters are crushed by cars, creating a gooey mess in traffic lanes. The timing of the caterpillars' arrival this year isn't unusual, but the large numbers are, the Desert Sun newspaper reported. The resulting mess has worried some people, although other locals seem less concerned about the caterpillars' plight. "They're annoying and fun to squish," Chloe Moritz, 12, said of the traveling insects. (AP)

CRIME Only in Wyoming

Six teenagers in Gillette, Wyo., were cited for harassment. The victims? A herd of antelope. "I watched them do it," said South Gillette Game Warden John Schneidmiller, who was driving on Interstate 90 when he spotted the teenagers in a sport utility vehicle giv-

ing chase to the animals. The driver was ticketed for harassing big game animals with a vehicle, which carries a \$410 fine. The five passengers were given warning citations. "In the drought that we're in, the antelope are so stressed to begin with that they don't need additional stress," Schneidmiller said. (AP)

EMOTIONS So Totally Angry

A judge in Bentonville, Ark., ordered the mother of a junior high-school cheerleader into anger management classes after the woman admitted that she harassed the sponsor of the cheerlead-

ing team. Melissa Leach, 33, was also fined \$500 and given a suspended 30-day jail sentence for pushing and shouting at Lincoln Junior High cheerleading coach Helen Campbell last August. Campbell had disciplined Leach's daughter for skipping practices. (AP)

TRIBUTES Long, Tall Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln's ties to Illinois are already well documented, but a small-town group is working on an even bigger tribute. A 305-foot monument of Lincoln — as tall as the Statue of Liberty — has been proposed in this namesake Illinois city of about 15,000 people. Supporters



think the \$40 million statue could ultimately anchor a massive theme park blending historical exhibits with other attractions. However, some worry the statue, which would be visible for about 20 miles, might be in bad taste. "Most of the people I talk to think it's a joke," said Don Loren, who has worked as a barber downtown for 54 years. (AP)

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In Brief

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLA.
Coast Guard Rescues Cuban Migrants Off Florida Coast

The Coast Guard and beachgoers pulled three Cubans to safety from the treacherous surf Thursday after they were spotted bobbing offshore on rafts made of lashed-together inner tubes. As many as five others were missing from a group that left Cuba for the Florida coast about three days earlier, said Deputy Fire Chief Mark Conn. The Cubans were spotted offshore on two rafts amid 6- to 8-foot waves. (AP)

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.
Grand Jury Selection Begins In Jackson Molestation Case

Dozens of prospective grand jurors arrived at an assembly room Thursday so court officials could begin selecting a panel to hear evidence in the child molestation case against Michael Jackson. Prosecutors are now seeking a grand jury indictment, which would mean they would not have to present evidence at a preliminary hearing to determine whether the case should go to trial. (AP)

DETROIT
Two Men Plead Guilty to Defacing Lewis Monument

Two men who threw white paint on the Joe Louis fist, a landmark sculpture commemorating the boxing great, pleaded guilty Thursday to malicious destruction of property. Brett Cashman, 45, and John T. Price, 27, face up to five years in prison at sentencing May 14. But prosecutors recommended that the pair pay \$1,000, serve 30 days in jail and the rest of the time on probation. (AP)

Bush Defends Record on Jobs, Security

Rejects criticism he ignored threat from al Qaeda

NASHUA, N.H. | On rival John Kerry's home turf, President Bush appealed Thursday for support on the jobs and terrorism fronts, rejecting recent Democratic criticism of his performance on both.

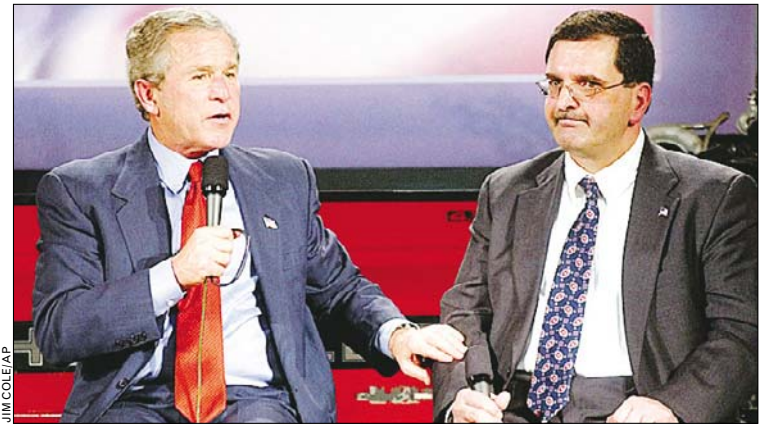
"We're trying to do our solemn duty to protect America," Bush said at a community college that specializes in teaching automotive repair. He then headed for nearby Boston, Kerry's hometown, for a \$1.2 million campaign fund-raiser.

Bush defended his performance in both the war on terrorism and in overseeing an economy that has lost 2.3 million jobs on his watch, two

central themes of his re-election but also two areas in which he has been buffeted in recent days.

"Had I known that the enemy was going to use airplanes to strike America, to attack us, I would have used every resource, every asset, every power of this government to protect the American people," Bush said to loud applause from an audience of about 300 people.

It was Bush's first extended response to allegations by Richard Clarke, his former counterterrorism adviser. Clarke has alleged that Bush ignored the threat from al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden before the Sept.



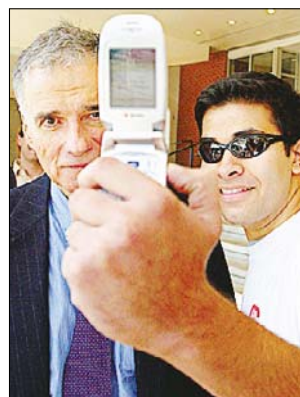
Small-business owner George Kasssa, right, listens as President Bush talks about his economic programs during a campaign stop in Nashua, N.H., on Thursday.

11 terror attacks and then rushed to try to blame the attacks on Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

The criticism, along with preliminary findings of a bipartisan

Sept. 11 commission have fueled Democratic attacks that Bush was so obsessed with Saddam that he led the nation into an unnecessary war. TOM RAUM (AP)

Politics and 9/11: Washingtonpost.com correspondent Terry Neal takes questions on the Bush-Kerry battle | Today at 1 p.m. at washingtonpost.com/liveonline

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NADER NABBED: N.C. State grad student Suhail Khan, right, seizes a chance to snap a quick picture with presidential candidate Ralph Nader on Thursday.

Former Rivals Line Up to Back Kerry

Ex-candidates, former presidents pledge support for Democrat

WASHINGTON | Democrats embraced John Kerry as their new chief with a show of solidarity from former Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, and former foes who are mending fences in an effort to oust President George W. Bush.

"We now have a standard bearer of the Democratic Party," Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said Thursday, which the party titled "Unity Day" following a

fractious primary race.

Carter, Clinton, 2000 Democratic nominee Al Gore and all of Kerry's primary rivals except Dennis Kucinich and Carol Moseley Braun were attending a celebratory dinner that was to raise more than \$11 million for the Democratic National Convention.

Kerry was endorsed by his harshest primary rival, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who put aside objections to the Massachusetts sen-

ator's position on tax cuts and the war in Iraq in the common cause of beating Bush.

McAuliffe said the party, with \$25 million and no debt, was better prepared than ever to challenge the Republicans.

"The tools are in place," McAuliffe told the National Newspaper Publishers Association. "Now we need to make sure to use these tools to make sure that John Kerry is elected president." NEDRA PICKLER (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Some 63% of Americans surveyed say it matters who wins the presidential election in November, a jump from the 45% who felt that way in June 2000, the Pew Center for the People & the Press said Thursday. (AP)



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Nation

Terrorism's Newest Target

FBI chief says militants may use violence to disrupt U.S. elections

WASHINGTON | Terrorists could attempt to influence the outcome of this year's U.S. presidential election by launching attacks in America and overseas, FBI Director Robert Mueller said Thursday.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Mueller also said Islamic extremists have changed tactics and are focusing on recruiting local sympathizers who are less likely to arouse suspicion than outsiders sent into a country to conduct terrorist operations.

The deadly March 11 train bombings in Madrid, which were a factor in the ouster of a pro-U.S. Spanish government, could embolden al Qaeda or other extremists to attack the United States during this summer's presidential nominating conventions in New York and Boston, Mueller said.

"In the wake of what happened in Madrid we have to be concerned about the possibility of terrorists attempting to influence elections in the United States by committing a terrorist act," Mueller said.



Mueller

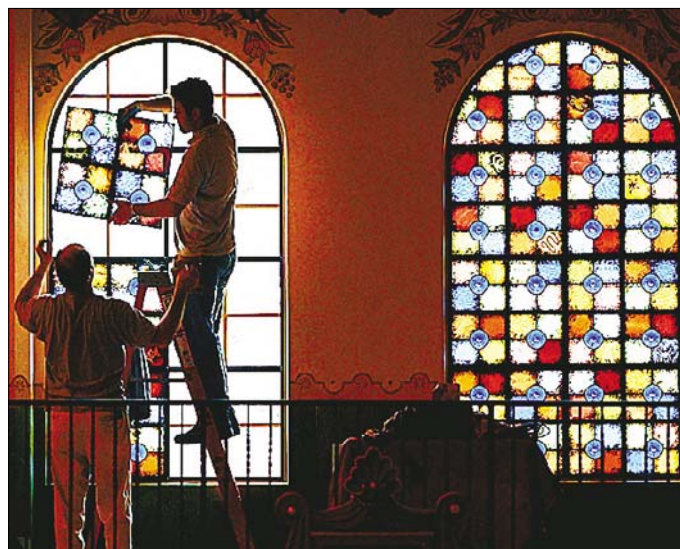
Those conventions will bookend the Summer Olympics in Athens, another venue that could draw terrorist attacks. The United States has been concerned that security efforts in Athens may fall short of what is necessary to protect athletes and spectators.

The FBI and other U.S. agencies are assisting the Greeks to identify and shore up potential weaknesses.

Regarding the new al Qaeda recruiting tactics, Mueller said that the suicide bombers who took part in last May's attacks in Casablanca, Morocco, were local extremists and indicated that similar efforts are likely going on in the United States.

CURT ANDERSON (AP)

NEW ADDITIONS | LET THERE BE LIGHT



TRUE COLORS: Jason Petersen, top, and Mark Lambrecht install stained glass windows Thursday in the new sanctuary of Visitation Church in Kansas City, Mo. The Catholic church is nearing completion on a project that has significantly increased the size of the Spanish-style building.

Air Officials Seek Private Screeners

Some airports don't want government employees on the job

WASHINGTON | About one-quarter of the nation's commercial airports no longer want government employees screening passengers and baggage, preferring private companies working under federal supervision, a congressman said Thursday.

Airport directors are upset with the Transportation Security Administration's inability to adjust staffing to meet demand, which results in long waits at some airports, said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House aviation subcommittee.

He said he had met with more than a dozen airport directors from around the country.

Congress created the TSA after the Sept. 11 attacks and ordered it to replace the privately employed screeners with a better-paid, better-trained federal work force.

But lawmakers also gave airports the option of returning to private screeners on Nov. 19, three years after President Bush signed the bill into law. LESLIE MILLER (AP)

Murder Suspect Kills Self During Chase

SCITUATE, R.I. | A man who was suspected of harming his girlfriend killed himself after leading police on a high-speed chase, and the woman's head, knives and a gun were found in the man's car.

Authorities found Heather Mullins-Keltz's dismembered body in the Plainfield, Conn., home she had shared with Michael Shechtman.

Shechtman, 33, shot himself in the head Wednesday as police approached his car after a high-

speed chase through several Rhode Island towns.

A co-worker had told authorities that Shechtman seemed suicidal and may have harmed his live-in girlfriend, Rhode Island State Police Maj. Brendan Doherty said.

The chase began after troopers shadowed the co-worker to a meeting with Shechtman. Meanwhile, Connecticut authorities checked the couple's home and found the body of Mullins-Keltz, 20. BROOKE DONALD (AP)

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World

Britain's Blair Visits Libya

Historic meeting part of effort to pull pariah state back into the fold

TRIPOLI, LIBYA | Setting aside decades of acrimony over Tripoli's sponsorship of terrorism, British Prime Minister Tony Blair chatted cordially with Moammar Gadhafi on Thursday and said the Libyan leader could be an important partner in the war on terror.

Without giving details, Blair said Britain would offer a "new military relationship" to a country long considered a pariah and that once armed Britain's foe, the Irish Republican Army.

Blair became the first British leader to visit Libya since Prime Minister Winston Churchill was there in 1943 during World War II. He also was the first British prime minister to meet with Gadhafi since the Libyan seized power 35 years ago.

The two men smiled and shook hands, then settled into low chairs inside Gadhafi's tent. Outside, a herd of camels wandered nearby.

After their 90-minute meeting, Blair praised Libya's December deal



British Prime Minister Tony Blair, left, and Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi take a stroll together during a break in their talks in Tripoli on Thursday.

with the United States and London to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction, saying it ensured "we have a more secure world."

Britain has a history of grievances with Gadhafi, who supplied shiploads of weapons to the IRA in the 1980s. It broke diplomatic relations with Libya in 1984 after British

policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed by a shot fired from a window of the Libyan embassy, or "people's bureau," in London.

Relations hit bottom after Libya was implicated in the 1988 bombing of a Pam Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people.

ED JOHNSON (AP)

'We do not forget the past': While some Lockerbie families objected to Blair's visit, he reassured them he hadn't forgotten their grievances | Today's Post: Section A

U.S. Casts Only Veto on Yassin Measure at U.N.

Calls resolution on assassination of Hamas founder 'unbalanced'

UNITED NATIONS | The United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution Thursday condemning Israel's assassination of Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin.

Yassin was killed in a missile strike Monday in the Gaza Strip.

The veto came after Algeria, the resolution's sponsor, rejected a U.S. demand that the measure also condemn violence by Hamas and other militant groups by name.

The resolution "is silent about

the terrorist atrocities committed by Hamas," U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said before the vote. He called the measure "unbalanced, one-sided."

Hamas has claimed responsibility for dozens of bombings and shootings of Israelis during 3 1/2 years of violence.

Israel says it is targeting the group's leaders to stop such attacks, but critics say killing suspects without arresting or trying them violates international law.

The vetoed resolution condemned Yassin's death and called for a "complete cessation of extrajudicial executions." (AP)

Latest al Qaeda Tape Pushes for Coup in Pakistan

CAIRO, EGYPT | A tape purportedly recorded by Ayman al-Zawahiri, the No. 2 figure in al Qaeda, called Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf a "traitor" and urged people to overthrow him.



al-Zawahiri

Al-Jazeera aired an excerpt from the tape Thursday. Its authenticity could not immediately be verified.

"Every Muslim in Pakistan should work hard to get rid of this client government, which will continue to submit to America until it destroys Pakistan," the speaker said.

The tape comes as Pakistani troops are in the second week of a campaign to round up Islamic militants in South Waziristan. (AP)



THE VOTE: The U.N. Security Council members who voted for the measure were: China, Russia, France, the Philippines, Angola, Chile, Pakistan, Spain, Algeria, Benin and Brazil. Britain, Germany and Romania abstained.

World

Ivory Coast Revolt Leaves 25 Dead

Clashes are bloodiest since French-brokered peace deal in 2003

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST | Rebels and the main opposition party pulled out of Ivory Coast's power-sharing government Thursday after 25 people died in deadly clashes between security forces and opposition supporters.

The street skirmishes were the bloodiest to hit this West African nation's commercial capital since a failed September 2002 coup bid split the country in two.

Abidjan Police Chief Yapo Kouassi said at least 25 people died in the violence, including two police and 12 civilians killed by protesters armed with machetes. Security forces struggling to maintain order shot dead several others, he said.

The death toll could not be independently confirmed.

Baongo Cisse, spokesman for the main opposition Rally of the Republicans, said his party would suspend its participation in the government to protest the violence. The rebels followed suit, with a spokesman saying rebel forces in the north also were being put "on alert."

The trouble began as opposition militants gathered in Abidjan's outlying, poorer suburbs. They planned to converge on the city's Plateau district — where the presidential palace is guarded with tanks and armored cars. Chaos ensued as security forces fired tear gas to disperse growing mobs.

The day's events dealt a serious blow to a January 2003 peace deal brokered by France, which established a power-sharing government.

BAUDELAIRE MIEUX (AP)

FRANCE | CIVIL SERVANTS, CIVIL UNREST



WHITEOUT: Tear gas clouds the streets as firefighters clash with riot police in Paris Thursday. Firefighters are demanding that their profession be classified as dangerous, which would qualify them for early retirement.

Haiti's Aristide May Settle in S. Africa

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS | Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide will take permanent asylum in South Africa but not until it holds general elections next month, Jamaican officials said Thursday.

The officials said on condition of anonymity that South African President Thabo Mbeki's govern-

ment demanded Aristide's arrival be delayed because it could be "politically unsettling" before the vote.

Aristide fled his country Feb. 29 as rebels threatened to attack Port-au-Prince, the capital. In the early days of Aristide's exile, South Africa had said it would accept him permanently if he asked for asylum. (AP)



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Local

Metro Sued by Disabled Riders

Curb-to-curb service not as reliable as rail, bus, lawsuit alleges

WASHINGTON | A dozen disabled commuters on Thursday filed a class action lawsuit against Metro, saying the transit authority's service for the disabled is illegally inadequate, subjecting users to rides that are late, needlessly circuitous or that never show up.

"Having an accessible workplace doesn't much matter if you can't hold a job because MetroAccess doesn't get you to work on time," said Marc Fiedler, of the Disability Rights Council of Greater Washington, which joined the plaintiffs in the suit.

The suit, filed in federal court in the District, alleges Metro's curb-

to-curb van service violates federal law by not providing the disabled with transportation that is comparable in quality to Metrobus and Metrorail.

Metro officials at a board meeting Thursday said they had not yet seen the lawsuit. A statement released by Metro said the authority is aware "MetroAccess service isn't perfect," but said it has worked over the past two years to "dramatically improve" the service.

The suit asks the court to force Metro to develop a plan for fixing the problems.

Metro has been trying to rein in escalating costs for the service, which made almost 84,000 trips in February — 2,500 more than in January. The service costs customers \$2.40 per trip.

DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

In Brief

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. UVa. Approves First Gay Frat

A student group has won approval from a campus Greek council in its bid to become the University of Virginia's first gay fraternity. The Multicultural Greek Council, one of four governing Greek councils affiliated with the university, voted Tuesday night to give the group, Out on Rugby, permission to establish a chapter of Delta Lambda Phi fraternity on campus. (AP)

FREDERICK, MD. MARC Increases Capacity Of Trains on Brunswick Line

The Maryland Transit Administration had added cars to the MARC Brunswick line to handle increased ridership. Spokeswoman Cheron Wicker said Wednesday the addition this week of three larger cars to the commuter rail line increased capacity by more than a third, to 1,813 passengers from 1,330. (AP)

WWII MEMORIAL | FLOWING FOUNTAIN



ALL-WET TEST: Workers at the nearly-completed World War II Memorial in the District test the water jets of the rainbow pool on Thursday.

Pepco Pledges Better Communication

ROCKVILLE, MD. | The utility company that supplies power to the District, Montgomery County, Md., and Prince George's County, Md., is making major changes in the way it responds to widespread power outages.

Officials from Pepco told members of the Montgomery County Council on Thursday that they've bought and installed new equip-

ment, and revamped customer service procedures.

"If there's a storm tomorrow, we're committed to getting people more information," said Pepco president William J. Sim. But Sim concedes he's still in no position to provide individual restoration times for customers hit by events similar to Hurricane Isabel, which battered the region in September. (AP)

The Lotteries

March 25

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-6-5 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	3-7-6 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	3-1-3-1
Evening DC 4	0-6-6-0
Quick Cash	17-31-5-19-1-38
Hot Five	8-22-9-18-24

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-6-7
Evening Pick 3	2-2-1
Mid-day Pick 4	6-3-3-8
Evening Pick 4	0-3-0-7
Match 5	3-4-19-24-31 Bonus: 6
Lotto (Wed.)	2-4-6-19-21-41

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	4-6-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-7-6
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-0-0-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-1-8-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	5-8-13-27-29
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	13-15-18-23-30
Lotto South (Wed.)	10-11-17-23-28-36

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	18-20-39-43-47 (31)
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Pasta Juggernaut Gets a Makeover For Low-Carb Set

DATELINE | Being the biggest maker of dry pasta in North America is an enviable position, but with the nation in the midst of a low-carb food boom, it's also a challenge.

American Italian Pasta Co., which owns brands such as Mueller's and also makes pasta for 18 big supermarket chains, suffered a 5 percent drop in sales during the first quarter of fiscal 2004 — a loss CEO Tim

Webster attributes in part to the new low-carb trend.

So Webster's company is trying to make the most of the new mar-

ket realities. American Italian Pasta reached a deal with Atkins last year to make a low-carb pasta, and in January it announced it was creating reduced-carb pastas for its own seven regional brands.

"We think this is a chance ... to offer a product that is nutritionally different than regular pasta, that seems to be right in line with what consumers are looking for," said Webster.

A serving size of the reduced carb pasta has 31 grams of carbohydrates, compared with 41 grams in a serving of normal pasta, but American Italian Pasta increased the amount of fiber to 12 grams, up from 2 grams, so that the pasta has 19 so-called "net carbs" per serving.

AMY SHAFFER (AP)



Good News Buys Markets

Dow bounces back after losing 250 points in 5 straight sessions

NEW YORK | A solid reading on the economy gave investors some badly needed reassurance Thursday, propelling the Dow Jones industrials up 170 points and the Nasdaq composite index up 3 percent.

The Dow rose 170.59, or 1.7 percent, to 10,218.82, after declining more than 250 points over the last five sessions. It was the Dow's biggest one-day point change since Oct. 1.

The broader gauges were also markedly higher. The Nasdaq soared 57.69, or 3.0 percent, to 1,967.17. It was the biggest one-day change on the Nasdaq since Sept.

24, when the index fell 58.02 points, or 3.1 percent, to 1,843.70.

The market has been in a corrective phase for about nine weeks, weighed down by a number of factors, from concerns over high stock valuations to fears about global terrorism. While it was not clear whether the advance would be sustained, the worst is probably over, said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist with A.G. Edwards in St. Louis.

"We think the correction has probably done its dastardly deed and the primary trend remains up," Goldman said. "The outlook for the economy remains positive, the forecasts for corporate earnings are up. ... I would advise people who are on the sidelines to do some selective buying." MEG RICHARDS (AP)

POSITIVE READINGS

Wall Street was helped along by the following good news:

SOLID GDP: The Commerce Department confirmed estimates that the gross domestic product grew at a solid 4.1 percent annual rate during the last quarter of 2003. The GDP, which measures the value of all U.S. goods and services, is considered the most important barometer of the economy's health.

CONSUMER SPENDING: Consumers, whose spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of all economic activity, also helped the economy. Consumer spending rose at a respectable 3.2 percent pace in the fourth quarter. (AP)

In Brief

TYCO TRIAL

As Jurors Struggle, Judge Rejects Request for Mistrial

Jurors in the Tyco International corruption trial told the judge Thursday that deliberations have "turned poisonous" and threatened the outcome of the five-month trial. The message prompted a motion for a mistrial by the defense, but Judge Michael Obus refused to grant the motion, giving the jurors the night to cool off. Tyco

chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz are charged with 32 counts of grand larceny, falsifying business records and violating state business laws. (AP)

FAST FOOD

McDonald's Beefs Up Effort To Use Credit, Debit Cards

McDonald's customers will soon be able to use credit and debit cards to pay for their meals at a majority of the chain's U.S. restaurants. The company said Thursday it had

reached agreements to accept payments via Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card and STAR cards. The company said Thursday it intends to more than double the number of restaurants that already accept cashless payments, to as many as 8,000 of its 13,600 restaurants. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: E-Trade promised Thursday to refund its commission if a trade involving up to 500 shares of a stock listed on the S&P isn't processed within two seconds. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Weider	4.54	+.70	+18.2
Mastec	9.00	+.95	+11.8
vjGrace	2.87	+.30	+11.7
McDarl	8.40	+.80	+10.5
SilcnGph	2.44	+.22	+9.9
Losers			
IntstBak	13.47	-2.11	-13.5
GiantIn	19.79	-1.96	-9.0
LLE Ry	5.46	-.48	-8.1
SierrPac	7.40	-.65	-8.1
CasdcCp	19.90	-1.30	-6.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VasoAcP s	8.05	+1.76	+28.0
DgtlThnk	2.35	+.51	+27.7
NoBcsHs	17.54	+3.38	+23.9
Westaff	2.15	+.40	+22.9
AvantImm	2.55	+.42	+19.7
Losers			
CoastDntl	4.84	-2.20	-31.3
Mikohn	4.55	-1.39	-23.4
SRS Lbs	6.10	-1.30	-17.6
VCamps	2.71	-.56	-17.1
Stellent	6.88	-1.22	-15.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.92
2-year	1.51	1.52
10-year	3.74	3.76
30-year	4.69	4.70

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5530	.5482	.6361
Canadian Dollar	1.3286	1.3425	1.4765
European Euro	.8239	.8243	.9386
Japanese Yen	106.04	106.10	120.15
Mexican Peso	11.0225	11.0300	10.6995
Taiwanese Dollar	33.28	33.25	34.75

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
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+1.70	+3.02	+1.64
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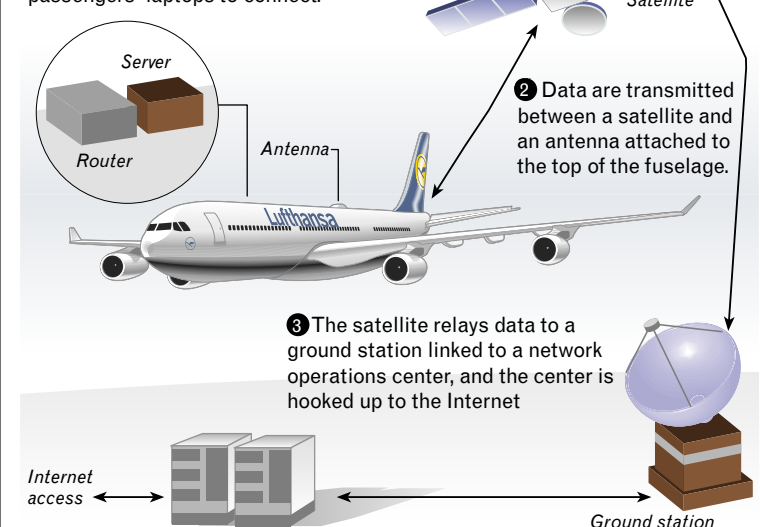
Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	83.95	-.17	+9.3
AstraZen	46.34	-.23	-4.2
BarrPhm s	47.05	-.50	-8.3
BrMySq	24.03	+.03	-16.0
ForestLab	70.27	+.87	+13.7
IvaxCp	22.55	+.15	-5.6
JohnJn	50.20	+.55	-2.8
LillyEli	65.50	-.99	-6.9
Merck	43.69	+.68	-5.4
Mylan s	23.12	-.22	-8.5
Pfizer	34.31	+.13	-2.9
SchergPI	16.05	+.09	-7.7
Sepracor	46.57	+1.22	+94.6
WatsonPh	44.14	+.05	-4.0
Wyeth	37.03	+.25	-12.8

Logging on at 35,000 feet

Next month, passengers aboard a Lufthansa flight from Munich, Germany, to Los Angeles will be able to open up their laptops and surf the Web from 35,000 feet in the air. The high-speed Internet connection will be provided by Boeing, which developed a massive network of satellites and ground stations to send and receive data from the air.

1 A wireless router and a computer server in the airplane cabin allow passengers' laptops to connect.



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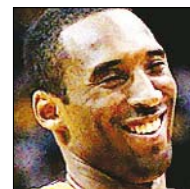
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The Next Step

Texas, eyeing a second Final Four appearance, is now a national power

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | There was a time when just getting to the NCAA tournament meant a good season for Texas. Winning a game or two in March was a bonus.

Those days are long gone.

With three straight trips to the round of 16 and a chance for a second straight Final Four, coach Rick Barnes believes his program has arrived as a basketball power worthy of consideration among the nation's elite every year.

"I think we've definitely moved into the neighborhood," he said.

Third-seeded Texas (25-7) faces seventh-seeded Xavier (25-10) on Friday night in the Atlanta Regional.

Elite programs are measured by their postseason success. While Texas has yet to win a national title, Barnes has led Texas to the NCAA tournament in each of his six seasons.

Before his arrival, the Longhorns had been to the tournament just 16 times in the program's history. The school's Final Four appearance in 1947 came when the tournament had just eight teams.

The program enjoyed moderate NCAA success in the 1990s with eight trips under "Tournament" Tom Penders. He took the Longhorns as far as the regional final in 1990, with only one other trip to the round of 16 in 1997.

Barnes's first three years in Austin produced more of the same early exits.

After getting to the second round in 2000, the program seemed to



KINGS OF THE COURT: Texas guard Royal Ivey, right, is looking to return to the Final Four for the second consecutive year as a member of the Longhorns.

take a step back in 2001 with a first-round loss to Temple.

A bitterly disappointed group of freshman — James Thomas, Royal Ivey, Brian Boddicker and Brandon Mouton — left that game determined never to exit so early again.

The next year, Texas made it to the round of 16 and last season it was in the Final Four, losing to eventual national champion Syracuse in the semifinals.

The driving force behind that run was point guard T.J. Ford, who won the Naismith and Wooden awards as the national player of the year. His jersey is the first basketball number retired by the school.

Yet Ford so dominated the national image of Texas basketball that some questioned whether the Longhorns would fall back after he passed up his final two years of eligibility for the NBA.

The freshmen of 2001, now seniors, didn't let that happen.

JIM VERTUNO (AP)

ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

A schedule of this weekend's games in the NCAA Tournament, all of which air on CBS:

- No. 3 Texas faces No. 7 Xavier at 7 p.m. on Friday.
- No. 4 Kansas faces No. 9 UAB at 7 p.m. on Friday.
- No. 1 Duke faces No. 5 Illinois at 10 p.m. on Friday.
- No. 3 Georgia Tech faces No. 10 Nevada on Friday.
- The East Rutherford and Phoenix region finals start at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.
- The Atlanta and St. Louis region finals are at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

TV Lineup

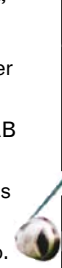
→ **STAR BRIGHT:** While five planets are visible in the night sky, a returning star is expected to shine on this planet over the weekend. Serena Williams, out for eight months with an injury, is part of the field at NASDAQ-100 Open in Key Biscayne, Fla. Early round action is televised Sunday (2 p.m. on ESPN).



Serena Williams will try to work off her rust during the NASDAQ-100 Open.

→ **CALIFORNIA DREAMING:** The Washington Wizards' road trip lands them in California this weekend for a game Friday against Golden State (10:30 p.m. on Comcast) and then a Sunday contest at Sacramento (7 p.m. on Comcast), which lost to the Wizards earlier this month.

→ **TEEING OFF:** Davis Love III is the defending champion of The Players Championship, which concludes on Sunday (1:30 p.m. on NBC) in Ponte Vedra, Fla.



NO REPEATS: Davis Love III would be the first to win two straight times at The Players Championship.

SANDY HUFFAKER/AP

→ **HOCKEY:** The Capitals face Eastern Conference-leading Tampa Bay on Saturday (7 p.m. on Comcast).

→ **HOOPS:** The NCAA Women's Tournament resumes with the East and West regional semifinals on Saturday (Noon, 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. on ESPN and 11 p.m. on ESPN2) and the Midwest and West regional semifinals on Sunday (Noon and 2 p.m. on ESPN and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on ESPN2).

BOXING | Dad, You're Fired Former world junior middleweight boxing champion Shane Mosley is looking for a new trainer after firing his father. Mosley said this week that he and his father are severing their professional association that began when Jack Mosley first took his son to a gym to learn to box as an 8-year-old. The deci-



sion comes in the wake of Mosley's March 13 loss to Winky Wright that cost him his WBA and WBC titles. Mosley said he was dehydrated for the fight and not able to do the things he thought he could do in the ring. Jack Mosley said he understands his son's decision and that "part of being a good parent is knowing when to let your children go." (AP)



Just like old times, Joe Gibbs will be coaching the Redskins at practice.

Time for Gibbs's Kick Off

FOOTBALL | Shortly after lunch Friday afternoon, Joe Gibbs will walk onto the field and conduct his first NFL practice in 12 years.

The unexpected sight will open the Washington Redskins' three-day minicamp, which Gibbs scheduled for the earliest date the NFL would allow. Nervous but invigorated, the coach wants to get to know his players as he tries to reconstruct the magic of the 1980s and early '90s.

The Hall of Fame coach knows a few things have changed since he won his three Super Bowls, but he's already out to defy one modern-day NFL axiom. At a Thursday night team dinner, he planned to let the players know his feelings about the notion that a core group can't remain intact for a long period under free agency.

"I don't think that's true," Gibbs said.

Two months after ending his retirement, Gibbs said he had only spoken to perhaps 20 percent of his players before they began arriving this week. Some of those he did meet, while respecting Gibbs's credentials, were understandably apprehensive about the fact that he's the fifth Redskins head coach in five years.

"I'm sick and tired of us changing coaches all the time," Gibbs said one player told him. "I said, 'I am too. Let's don't do that anymore, OK?'" Gibbs said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Hog heaven: Nunyo Demasio chats about the Redskins' minicamp | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 10 a.m.

What's a Gaucho?

UC Santa Barbara left among NCAA giants

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Most of the old, familiar teams made it to the final 16 in the NCAA women's tournament.

Two-time defending champion Connecticut is back in the regional semifinals. Duke and Tennessee, too. So are Texas, Penn State, Purdue and UC Santa Barbara.

Wait. UC Who?

Every tournament can use a surprise team to spice things up, and 11th-seeded UC Santa Barbara is filling that role.

The Gauchos have reached the regional semifinals for the first time and are the lowest seeded team still playing.

They did it by knocking off No. 6 Colorado and No. 3 Houston in the friendly confines of the Thunderdome on the Santa Barbara campus.

All they have to do to keep advancing in the East Regional is beat two-time defending national champion Connecticut on Saturday. At the Hartford Civic Center, the Huskies' second home. In front of 16,000 fans who bleed UConn blue.

"We've talked a lot about the mountains we wanted to climb this year and getting through this one was one of the mountains," UCSB coach Mark French said. "Now we've



UC Santa Barbara forward Kristen Mann and the rest of the Gauchos face Connecticut on Saturday.

got another one looming in front of us in Connecticut that we're eager to climb."

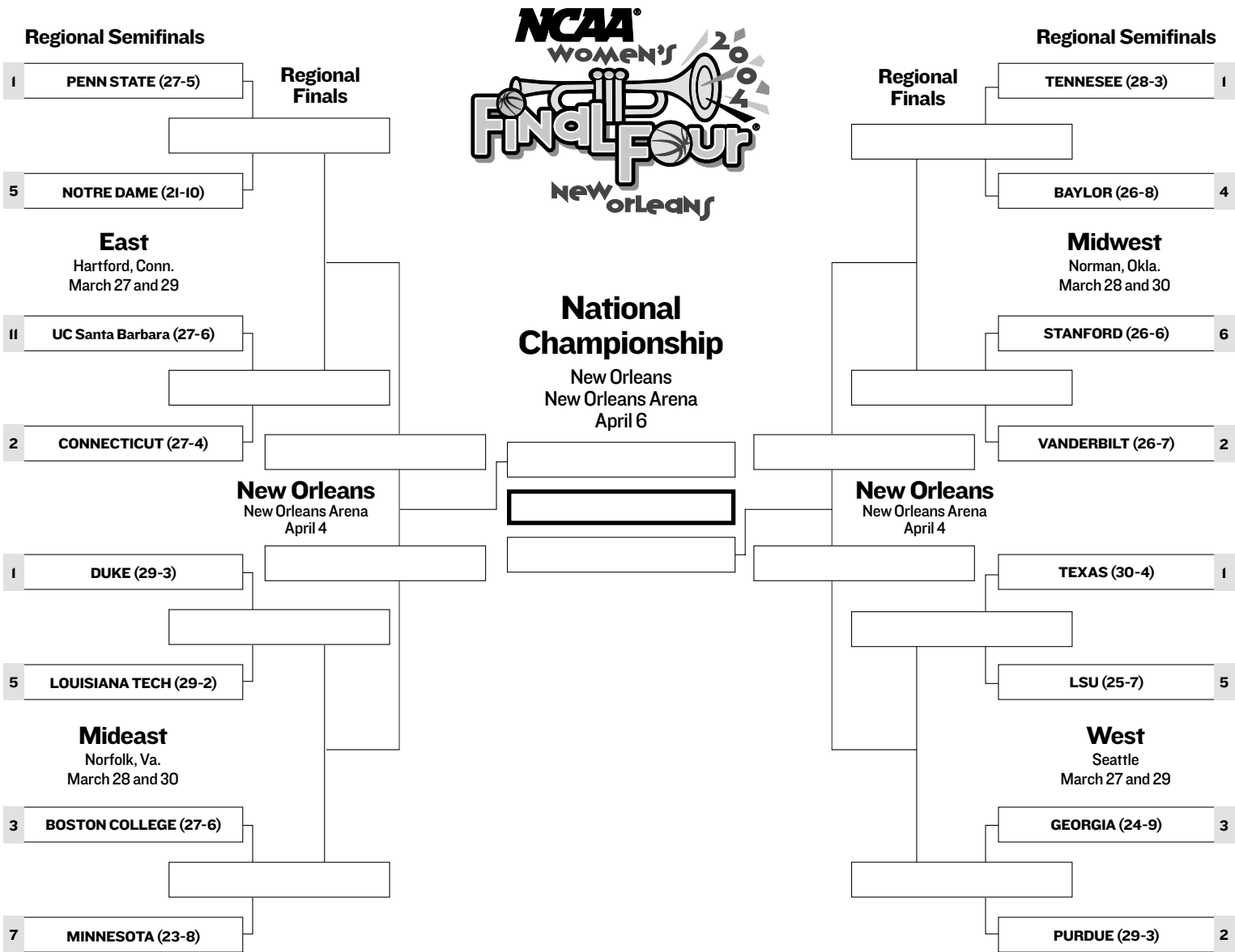
The East and West semifinals are Saturday, while the Midwest and Midwest start Sunday.

All the No. 1 seeds are still in contention: Tennessee, Penn State, Texas and Duke. UConn, Purdue and Vanderbilt advanced as No. 2 seeds.

"A lot of the uncertainty has gone out of it, hasn't it?" said Georgia coach Andy Landers, whose third-seeded team advanced in the West Regional. "As it's shaken down, it's looking more like all the favorites are strong again."

CHUCK SCHOFFNER (AP)

#**BY THE NUMBERS:** No. 1 seed Tennessee is in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament for the 23rd straight year. The Lady Vols have lost in this round only four times. (AP)



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SportsWeekend

Olympic Flame Is Off and Running

OLYMPICS | The flame that will burn at the Athens Olympics began its round-the-world journey Thursday under unprecedented security that included metal detectors and commandos hiding in laurel groves.

More than 6,000 spectators — all screened by police — rose as the first torch bearer, Greek javelin champion Costas Gatzidouis, took the flame from an actress in the role of a priestess from antiquity in Ancient Olympia, Greece.

The second runner, Russian swim champion Alexander Popov, then took over and began a relay that will include more than 11,000 runners in 27 countries in its first global voyage. It will pass through Africa and South America for the first time.

BRIAN MURPHY (AP)



Costas Gatzidouis receives the Olympic flame from a priestess played by Thalia Prokopiou on Thursday.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New Jersey	42	28	.600	—	5-5 29-13
Miami	34	37	.479	8.5	9-1 23-21
New York	33	39	.458	10	6-4 26-19
Boston	31	40	.437	11.5	6-4 20-25
Philadelphia	30	42	.417	13	6-4 21-25
Washington	22	48	.314	20	2-8 14-33
Orlando	19	54	.260	24.5	2-8 15-31

CENTRAL

W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
X-Indiana	52	19	.732	— 7-3 32-11
X-Detroit	46	26	.639	6.5 8-2 30-16
New Orleans	37	34	.521	15 4-6 27-22
Milwaukee	35	36	.493	17 2-8 27-17
Cleveland	31	39	.443	20.5 7-3 25-21
Toronto	30	41	.423	22 4-6 19-26
Atlanta	22	49	.310	30 2-8 13-31
Chicago	20	51	.282	32 2-8 17-27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
X-Minnesota	49	23	.681	—	5-5 26-17
San Antonio	46	25	.648	2.5	6-4 26-17
Memphis	45	26	.634	3.5	8-2 26-18
Dallas	44	27	.620	4.5	5-5 27-17
Houston	41	29	.586	7	7-3 18-23
Denver	38	35	.521	11.5	5-5 24-19
Utah	37	35	.514	12	6-4 21-22

PACIFIC

W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
X-Sacramento	51	21	.708	— 5-5 29-15
L.A. Lakers	48	23	.676	2.5 8-2 24-18
Portland	36	35	.507	14.5 7-3 19-26
Seattle	33	38	.465	17.5 6-4 19-23
Golden State	30	40	.429	20 5-5 19-26
L.A. Clippers	27	45	.375	24 1-9 13-32
Phoenix	24	48	.333	27 3-7 13-31

Standings through March 24.

X-Clinched playoff berth.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Tampa Bay	43	21	8	5	99	230	180
Atlanta	31	34	8	4	74	205	230
Florida	27	31	14	4	72	170	199
Carolina	26	31	13	6	71	153	187
Washington	22	44	9	2	55	173	237

ATLANTIC

X-Philadelphia	39	18	14	6	98	220	173
X-New Jersey	39	23	12	2	92	193	155
N.Y. Islanders	35	27	10	4	84	215	194
N.Y. Rangers	25	37	7	8	65	195	234
Pittsburgh	21	45	7	4	53	178	287

NORTHEAST

X-Boston	38	17	14	7	97	195	172
X-Toronto	41	24	9	3	94	225	200
X-Ottawa	39	22	9	6	93	243	172
Montreal	40	27	7	3	90	199	175
Buffalo	34	32	6	4	78	200	207

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Detroit	43	20	11	2	99	238	177
Nashville	34	28	11	3	82	199	204
St. Louis	34	28	11	2	81	174	185
Chicago	20	38	11	6	57	176	229
Columbus	22	42	8	4	56	163	221

NORTHWEST

X-Colorado	38	20	13	5	94	224	183
Vancouver	38	24	10	5	91	215	187
Calgary	39	28	7	3	88	190	167
Edmonton	33	27	12	5	83	209	198
Minnesota	25	28	20	3	73	163	169

PACIFIC

X-San Jose	38	20	12	6	94	203	173
X-Dallas	40	24	13	0	93	183	161
Los Angeles	28	25	16	7	79	196	199
Anaheim	28	31	10	8	74	177	202
Phoenix	21	32	18	6	66	183	230

Standings through March 24.

Y - Clinched division; X-Clinched playoff spot.

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The Killing Joke

Tom Hanks plays a courtly schemer in 'The Ladykillers'

FILM | Until it runs out of steam, this remake of the 1955 comedy caper starring Alec Guinness is wacky fun with a terrifically twisted eye for detail.

Tom Hanks, playing his first truly bad bad guy, is a marvelous mixture of Foghorn Leghorn and Sideshow Bob as the pretentious leader of a gang of thieves who use an elderly woman's cellar to tunnel into a casino vault.

The name of his character — Goldthwait Higginson Dorr, Ph.D. — says it all. He's unctuous, manipulative and every mellifluous word that drips from his mouth is a lie — except when he's reciting Poe.

"Madame, you are addressing a man who IS quiet ... and yet ... NOT quiet," he announces to Mrs. Marva Munson (Irma P. Hall), the kind, churchgoing widow from whom he rents a room on a tranquil street in a small Mississippi town.



HE SEEMED LIKE SUCH A NICE MAN: Hanks's Goldthwait Dorr is full of surprises.

It's a performance moviegoers will either wholly embrace or reject, though it's a perfect fit for Joel and Ethan Coen, who wrote, directed and produced the film.

Hall, meanwhile, shows real poignancy as the feisty landlady, who proves herself to be a far more formidable adversary than she initially appeared.

Professor Dorr has told Mrs. Munson that he'd like to invite the members of his band over to practice church music in the cellar, but these guys are really his partners in crime.

Marlon Wayans is a ghetto stereotype as Gawain MacSam, the "inside man" who works as a janitor at the casino. J.K. Simmons, best known as Schillinger on HBO's "Oz," is cluelessly enthusiastic as explosives expert Garth Pancake (though the scenes with his life partner, Mountain Girl, are a hoot).

Ryan Hurst does little but grunt as Lump, a football player who's the muscle of the operation. And Tzi Ma says even less as The General, the chain-smoking strategist.

The film has a promising premise, but by the end it's gone stale. The most clever character of all is Mrs. Munson's mischievous tabby cat, Pickles, who steals the movie — and more — in the end.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Club Picks

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FRI: Longtime **CASSANDRA WILSON**



Wilson

fans might think she's pulling a Jewel, with the polished pop feel of her latest album. Even so, her aural molasses is worth the hike to Morgan State ...

ETHERIDGE PALOOZA at the 9:30 Club continues through Sunday. Can't swing the MCI-type ticket prices?

Then maybe you can spot Melissa chillin' at the Chi-Cha Lounge after the show ... It's hard to believe it's been nine years since Phyllis Hyman bid a final farewell to her loneliness and her fans.



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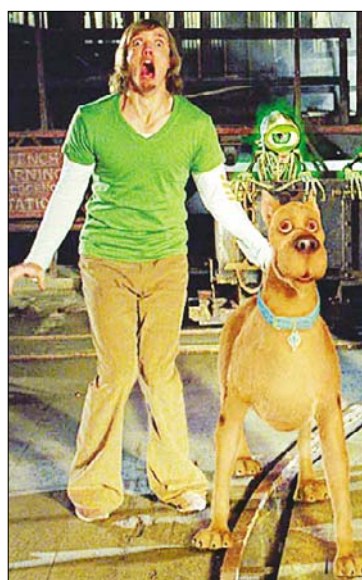
MARJORIE HUGHES salutes the melancholy mistress with a tribute to the late Miss Hyman at Blues Alley ... On the b-boy tip, **METHOD MAN** performs minus the Shaolin ruckus at Dream ... And for the backpacker in you, Lyricist Lounge alum **WORDSWORTH** blesses the mic at Bohemian Caverns.

SAT: **BAD BOY'S DA' BAND** is hosting "The Affair" at Juste Lounge. Maybe they'll serve cheesecake with the 2-for-1 martinis ... For something more intense, Baltimore's **DJ SPEN** and **DJ OJI** crank up the underground house and garage at the D.C. Sanctuary.



True random fact: In the early 1980s, Vinx was a champion triple-jumper.

SUN: Rootsy singer/percussionist **VINX** has kept time for Sting, Zap Mama and Stevie Wonder; his lush "Georgia on My Mind" will leave you asking, "Ray who?" Catch him at Blues Alley ... If you didn't get quite enough of **JANET JACKSON** at Super Bowl halftime, Felix hosts a listening party for her new album, which drops Tuesday. CELESTE DAWN MITCHELL



BE AFRAID, BE VERY AFRAID: Lillard realizes what's become of his career.

Scooby-Doo 2: Don't

Profit is the point of an otherwise pointless kiddie-thriller sequel

FILM | The world doesn't need a second scoop of Scooby and the gang any more than it needed the first, but here it is — and it is as it was.

Same director (Raja Gosnell), same writer (James Gunn), same cast wearing the same costumes while snooping around the same sets investigating what may as well be the same mystery as the first "Scooby-Doo" two years ago.

Not that the mystery itself ever

truly mattered, even in the Hanna-Barbera cartoon that inspired the movies. The show was just an excuse for groovy hijinks and slapstick pratfalls, which inevitably would end with those meddling kids from Mystery Inc. unmasking some creepy bad guy, then driving off in their psychedelic van.

This movie-doo finds Fred (Freddie Prinze Jr.), Daphne (Sarah Michelle Gellar), Velma (Linda Cardellini), Shaggy (Matthew Lillard) and Scooby trying to determine the identity of the villain who's threatening to unleash all the monsters they've uncovered before in

their hometown of Coolsville.

Neither film has managed to recapture the trippy, laid-back vibe of the original cartoon, which never tried too hard. Both films, especially this new one, seem more interested in distraction through cacophony and pandemonium.

The actors all look and sound sufficiently like the kids from the cartoon — especially Lillard. But with all that was spent on elaborately detailed sets and computer-generated goblins, it's still obvious that Scooby isn't inhabiting the same space as the human beings who are talking to him. The scaredy-cat Great Dane (voiced by Neil Fanning) looks just as fake as he did in the first movie.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's *Washington Post*.

Magically Delicious: No twinkling leprechauns in this Irish movie, just a roundelay of charmingly confused people whose lives intersect. Michael O'Sullivan reviews "Intermission." *Weekend*

Thug Life: A run-of-the-mill gangsta flick is one thing; trying to pass one off as noir classicism another. Desson Thomson reviews DMX's "Never Die Alone." *Style*

Bully's Pulpit: Danish dogmatist Lars von Trier pushes around documentarian Jorgen Leth as Leth remakes one of his films. Mark Jenkins reviews "The Five Obstructions." *Weekend*

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'A MARVELOUS FILM! I CAN'T SHAKE IT FROM MY MEMORY!'
Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet shine in a movie that's hard to forget.
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'THE BEST FILM IN A DECADE!'
For once it's no hyperbole to say 'Unforgettable.'
 —David Edelstein—



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'A SMART AND SERIOUSLY FUNNY COMEDY!'
Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet give groundbreaking performances.
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Save room for Jim Carrey's name at the top of next year's Oscar® Best Actor list. He's incredible. You won't forget this one.
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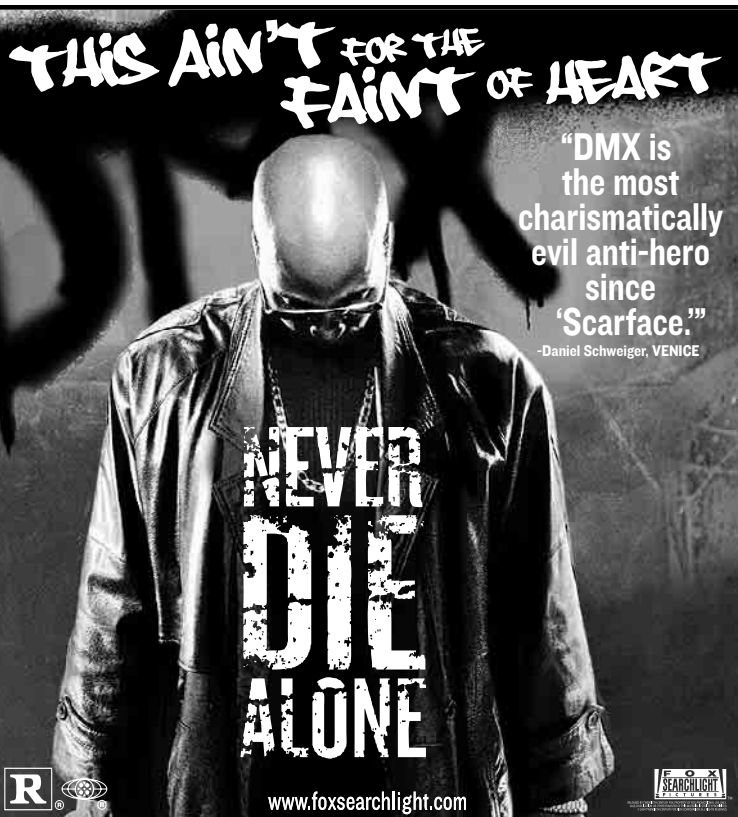


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Entertainment

About an Affleck

FILM | The sentimentality of Kevin Smith's sappy "Jersey Girl" would have been acceptable if this film had any emotional resonance. Instead, it's all over the place — too cutesy at some times, desperately striving for poignancy at others.

"Jersey Girl" features the famous final on-screen pairing of Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez. But Lopez's character, Gertrude, dies within the first few minutes, leaving Affleck's character, a slick music publicist named Ollie, alone to raise their daughter.

So Affleck is left having to carry the film — something he hasn't gotten any more adept at doing. (Close-ups of his face contorted in sobs don't help his cause, either.)

Skip ahead seven years after



PETER SORELI/AP

HE COULD USE ONE: Ben Affleck plays a spin doctor for naughty celebrities.

Gertrude's death, and Ollie has become persona non grata in Manhattan after a public publicist faux pas. He and Gertie now live with his dad (George Carlin) back home in New Jersey. Incredibly, he can't use his skills as a publicist to



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Reviews by The Washington Post's Ann Hornaday, Michael O'Sullivan and Dan Via.

AGENT CODY BANKS 2: DESTINATION LONDON (PG, 93 minutes) Thanks mainly to likeable Frankie Muniz, reprising his role as a teenage 007, this sequel is a reasonable diversion. But the story's action sequences are so abbreviated that they hardly register, and the undercooked comedy gives away the fact that the film was rushed into production. (DV)

DAWN OF THE DEAD (R, 98 minutes) "Dawn" is a spirited remake of George A. Romero's 1978 classic. At times, the new "Dawn" looks and feels like what it is: a studio picture adopting a twisted campy spirit with the same earnest attention a corporation might give a new brand of cola. (DT)

DIRTY DANCING: HAVANA NIGHTS (PG-13, 87 minutes) Doesn't begin to live up to the giddy energy, romance and terrific dancing of its progenitor. Indeed, the best thing about it is an incandescent but all-too-brief appearance by original "Dirty Dancing" star Patrick Swayze himself. (AH)

ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND (R, 110 minutes) This rabbit hole of a

movie invites viewers on a dizzying plunge through love, loss and finally, consciousness itself. It's filled with whacked-out humor combined with an erudite interest in philosophy, neuroscience and the plasticity of desire. (AH)

GOOD BYE, LENIN! (R, 118) German director Wolfgang Becker has created an unlikely valentine to Eastern European communism with this comedy. It may be shocking that some former East Germans

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— in this case school-teacher Christiane (Katrin Sass) — believe their country was better off before reunification but, with humor and compassion, this film makes those feelings a little bit comprehensible. (AH)

HIDALGO (PG-13, 145 minutes) Viggo Mortensen isn't quite enough to make this epic oater about a Pony Express rider who bests a cutthroat field of competitors in a 3,000-mile horse race across the Saudi Arabian desert feel like much more than NASCAR with hooves. Despite the sandstorms, locusts, wildcats and J.K. Simmons's Buffalo Bill Cody, "Hidalgo" is a long and monotonous circuit around a well-worn track on a voyage of inner discovery. But it leaves the audience exactly where it started, only 10 dollars poorer. (MO)

SECRET WINDOW (PG -13, 96 minutes) It's a refrain you've heard before: Johnny Depp, good; movie, bad. Well, not bad, exactly, but a letdown. Despite Depp's eccentric, watchable performance as

find a job.

He hasn't dated since Gertrude's death, so he's completely taken aback when Mya (Liv Tyler), an employee at a video store that strangely offers only Miramax titles, hits on him while he's renting porn.

In time, Mya becomes a mother figure to Gertie (the precocious Raquel Castro). But the noble call of publicity beckons Ollie back to the big city. It's hard to muster sympathy for someone whose motivating force is providing positive spin when stars misbehave, especially when it means sacrificing his daughter's happiness.

Does Ollie go to a job interview, or does he perform a number from "Sweeney Todd" with Gertie at her school?

That one's not hard to figure out. But it is hard to sit through.



CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

a depressive New York writer being stalked by a Mississippi dairy farmer (John Turturro) who claims to have been plagiarized, the movie, based on a Stephen King story, leaves too many loose ends at its "Psycho"-esque climax. (MO)

SPARTAN (R, 106 minutes) with this taut, gripping tale of a special-ops officer's (Val Kilmer) hunt for the abducted daughter of the U.S. president, writer-director David Mamet ventures into political-thriller territory while maintaining his fascination with masculine rituals of dominance and his willingness to make provocative implications. "Spartan" is not a great movie, but it has an irascible and deeply unsettling intelligence. (MO)

STARKY & HUTCH (PG-13, 97 minutes) It's being billed as an action comedy, but this is really a romantic comedy starring one of contemporary cinema's most appealing screen couples, Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson. They have developed hilarious buddy shticks, all the more successful for being so easygoing and unforced. "Starky & Hutch" is as breezy and inoffensive a pop-culture romp as they come, good without ever actually being great. (AH)

TAKING LIVES (R, 100) It's clear this is a perfunctory vehicle for a star — Angelina



Hawke

and, frankly, boneheaded. (DT)

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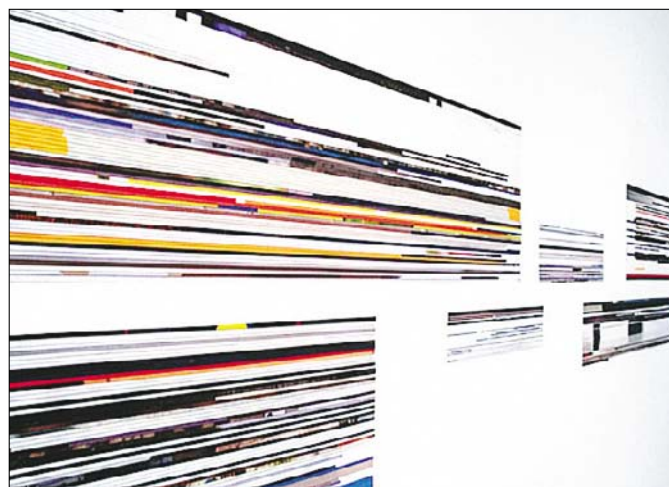
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Safari Steak House: Fri., Black Out Party, 10 p.m., \$10. 9430 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Md.; 301-459-8100.

State Theatre: Fri., Rudy Ray Moore, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Banda Eva, 10 p.m., \$30. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.

Takoma Station Tavern: Sat., After Hours Band, 10 p.m. 2001 4th St. NW; 202-829-1999.

The Legend: Fri., EU, Suttle Thoughts, 11:30 p.m.; Sat., Saturday Night Live, 9 p.m.; Sun., College Night, 9 p.m. 3225 Naylor Road, Temple Hills, Md.; 301-894-3535.

Velvet Lounge: Fri., Cartel, 8 p.m., free; Sat., Whiskey Saint, 8 p.m., free; Sun., Coitus, 8 p.m., free. 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.

Whitlow's on Wilson: Fri., Nicki Gonzalez Band, 9:30 p.m., \$5; Sat., Kelly Bell Band, 9:30 p.m., \$5; Sun., Acoustic open mic w/Kenny Haddaway, 7 p.m. 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-276-9693.

SIGHT

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Sat., Return of the Buddha, 6th-century stone sculptures from China, through July 5. Faith and Form, calligraphy and painting inspired by Japanese religious traditions, through July 18. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-357-4880.

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Sunday in The Washington Post

Stormy Weather:

This weekend, Maryland Public Television goes on a "Hunt for the Supertwister," examining the tornado that hit La Plata in 2002 and other damaging wind systems.

| *TVWeek*



Potty On:

Gene Weingarten torments one Dr. Aas, a Danish gastroenterologist with an interesting theory. | *The Washington Post Magazine*

South of the Border:

A "Mexico on the Threshold" package includes reviews of "Devil's Highway" and "Opening Mexico." | *Book World*

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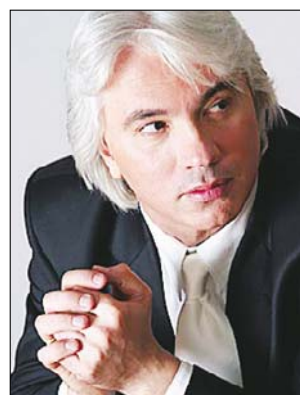
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Capital Children's Museum: Flying the Child's Hope, through May 15. 800 3rd St. NE; 202-675-4120.

LAST CHANCE Conner Contemporary Art: Dean Kessman: Cover to Cover, inkjet prints, through March 27. 1730 Connecticut Ave.; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: The Impressionist Tradition in America, through

March 29. American Paradigms, through April 5. The Quilts of Gee's Bend, through May 17. Memento: Muriel Hasbun Photographs, through June 7. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Word and Image: The Trevelyon Miscellany of 1608, through May 23. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: International Photography Competition, through April 7. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Fri., Julie Shelton-Smith, figurative oils, through

April 14; 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Dragnet Girl" (Hisosen no onna), Japanese silent film from 1933, Fri., 7 p.m., free. "Walk Cheerfully" (Hogoraka ni ayume), Japanese silent film from 1930, Sun., 2 p.m., free. Mr. Whistler's Galleries, through April 4. Guardians of the Law: Chinese Luohan Painting, through May 23. The Tea Ceremony as Melting Pot; through Aug. 18. 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-2700.

Fusebox: Siemon Allen and Dominic McGill, through May 8. Joseph Dumbacher/John Dumbacher: One to

One, through May 8. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden: Douglas Gordon, through May 9. "Voices of the Sierra Tarahumara," Fri., 8 p.m., free. Independence Avenue at Seventh Street SW; 202-633-4674.

Library of Congress: Churchill and the Great Republic, through June 26. 10 First St. SE; 202-707-5000.

National Building Museum: Masonry Variants, through April 4. Up, Down, Across: Elevators, Escalators and Moving Sidewalks, through April 18. D.C. Builds: The Anacostia Waterfront, through May

23. Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset, through Aug. 28. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Drawings of Jim Dine, through August 1. Mark Rothko: The Mural Projects, through May 31. The East Building: Celebrating 25 Years, through June 1. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

National Geographic Society: Contemporary Egyptian Art, paintings by Farouk Hosny, through April 15. Mars 2K4, through April 25. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588.

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National Museum of American History:

Our Journeys/Our Stories, through April 25. Three-Mile Island: The Inside Story, through April 30. The Tumultuous '50s, through May 9. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-2700.

National Museum of Natural History:

Through the Lens, through April 4. 100 Years of Wildlife, through April 11. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-2700.

Phillips Collection:

Discovering Milton Avery, through May 16. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Textile Museum:

Draped, Wrapped and Folded: Untailored Clothing, through June 6. By Hand: Contemporary Tapestry, opens Sat., through Sep. 25. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

STAGE

Arena Stage: Yellowman, through April 18, 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$40-\$53. 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066.

Arena Stage at 14th & T: On the Rocks, through April 4, 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$25-\$28; 202-582-0050.

LAST CHANCE Classika Theatre:

Uncle Vanya, ends Sun., 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 5 p.m. (Sun.), \$20-\$22. Sleeping Beauty, through June 6, noon (Sat & Sun); \$12, \$10 in advance. 4041 S. 28th St., Arlington; 703-824-6200.

DCJCC: Sat. & Sun., 8 p.m. Homebody/Kabul; \$30-\$35; 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400.

Kennedy Center: Sho En, King of the Ryukyu, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; \$35. Merce Cunningham Dance Company, 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), \$19-\$45. Cyrano, ages 9 and up, through April 4, 6:30 p.m. (Fri.), 11:30 a.m. (Sat.) 1 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$14. Manon Lescaut, opens Sat., through April 19, \$41-\$285. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Olney Theatre Center for the Arts:

The Magic of Broadway; opens Fri., through April 2, \$16.50. 2001 Olney-Sandy Springs Road, Olney; 301-924-3100.

The Puppet Company Playhouse:

The Jungle Book, through April 11, 10 and 11:30 a.m. (Fri.), 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$6. 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 301-320-6668.

Shakespeare Theatre:

Henry IV Part 2, through May 2, 8 p.m. (Fri.-Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), 2:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$20-\$66. 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

Studio Theatre: The Syringa Tree, through April 4, 7:30 p.m. (Fri.-Sun.), 2:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.); \$25-\$45. 1333 P St. NW; 202-332-3300.

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WRITING HISTORY: Haitian author Edwidge Danticat reads from and signs "The Dew Breaker," in which the political becomes intensely personal, Friday at Politics & Prose.

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Charles Sumner School: Sat., Go tournament, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., \$20 to compete. 1201 17th St. NW; 202-442-6060.

Lincoln Theatre: Sat., Saturday Night Fights: Isra Girgrah & D. Wilson, 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$65. 1215 U St. NW; 301-440-0125.

MCI Center: Fri.-Sun., Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, \$12-\$65. 601 F St. NW; 202-432-7328.

National Air & Space Museum: Sat., Kite Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free. 6th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-357-2700.

National Japanese American Memorial: Sat., Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk, 10 a.m., \$10 person, \$15 couple, \$20 family. Louisiana and New Jersey Avenues NW; 202-530-0015.

Politics & Prose: Fri., author Edwidge Danticat, 7 p.m., free. 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-364-1919.

State Theatre: Fri., Rudy Ray Moore, 9 p.m., \$15-\$25. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial: Sat., Cherry Blossom Festival's Tidal Basin Stage, thru April 11, noon-2 p.m., free. 900 Ohio Drive SW; 202-426-6841.

Tidal Basin: Sun., Lantern Lighting, 2:30 p.m., free. 15th Street and Ohio Drive SW; 202-426-6841.

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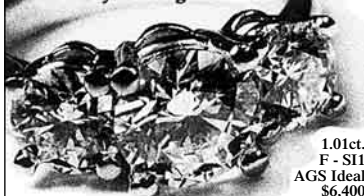
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Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND



CLERKS: If you had to call this guy boss, you'd hear animals talk, too.

STOP WONDERFALLING RATINGS Only you can save **WONDERFALLS** (Fri., 9 p.m., Fox). This quirky, talky series about a slacker beset by spiritual advice from knick-knacks may not be perfect, but it's still a smart and ambitious series. And it's getting killed in the ratings. That's sad, because it's worlds better than the horrible "reality" programming on Fox.

BEATS PAYING FOR THE MOVIE

Ten new episodes of the cartoon "epic micro-series" **STAR WARS: CLONE WARS** (Fri., 9:30 p.m., Cartoon Network) debut this weekend. The story of "Clone Wars" picks up where the live-action feature film "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones" left. But don't go looking for much story or exposition in these little 3-minute vignettes. The accent here is on chase scenes and shoot-'em-ups. "Clone Wars" will also introduce a new villain, General Grievous, to the "Star Wars" saga. Grievous will play a large role in the upcoming live-action sequel "Star Wars: Episode III."

MO' BETTER MO

When did Mo Rocca take over the world? The snarky "Daily Show" veteran is joined by a band of professionally smug commentators for **BEST WEEK EVER** (Fri., 11 p.m., VH1) a half-hour roundup of the past seven days. It's content-free irony, predigested for those too lazy to think,

or even laugh, for themselves.

AW, THEY'RE SPAWNING

Looks like the Stork Club has become the movie kingdom's hottest invite. **HOLLYWOOD BABY BOOM** (Sat., 7 p.m., E!) explores Tinsel Town's latest trend: motherhood. Actresses such as Gwyneth Paltrow, Debra Messing, Courtney Cox, Sarah Jessica Parker, Reese Witherspoon, Kelly Ripa, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Denise Richards have made wearing maternity clothes fashionable again.

CEOS OF MOMCO

Speaking of Mom, sometimes the hand that rocks the cradle also dreams up some cool stuff. **MOTHERS OF INVENTION** (Sat., 7 p.m., History) celebrates the women behind gadgets and gizmos big and small, including windshield wipers, Liquid Paper and Kevlar.

GRIECO + HELL GATE = FUN

PHANTOM FORCE (Sat., 9 p.m., Saturday, Sci-Fi) begins with a bang, as an 18th-

century pirate conjures evil forces to some kind of "hell gate" (they're always trouble!) and gets his ship blown up. Fast-forward to the present and a hostage crisis in Moscow. Huh? It all boils down to a renegade nuclear sub skippered by the devil himself. Richard Grieco stars.

ISN'T OVERACTING A SIN?

Three weeks before Easter, three weeks after the blockbuster release of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," CBS re-airs the 2000 made-for-TV biblical epic **JESUS** (Sun., 9 p.m., CBS). This film attempts to present Jesus (Jeremy



"Observe the mirror, my son; we both have blue eyes. It is truly a miracle."

Sisto) as a deity whose existence and consciousness transcends linear time—he is shown dreaming of 20th-century soldiers calling out his name. Later, Satan (Jeroen Krabbe) comes to tempt Jesus looking like a gangster from London's East End. "Jesus" can be enjoyed for its casting alone. As Mary, Jacqueline Bisset is bathed in a golden light. And "Will & Grace's" Debra Messing does a lot of hair-tossing and fit-throwing as Mary Magdalene. One of the principal reasons to tune into "Jesus," though, is to catch Gary Oldman as Pontius Pilate.

IT'S NOT CRUMMY, IT'S VINTAGE

So now you have to spiff your place up even after you've decided to leave? **DESIGNED TO SELL** (Sun., 8 p.m., HGTV) offers practical tips for beautifying your nest before the broker and would-be buyers arrive. One danger: Once you make your home pretty, you may not want to leave. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC (4) News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC (N) (C)				Crossing Jordan (N) (C)		News	The Tonight Show				
	WTTG (5) The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	Playing It Straight (N) (C)			Wonderfalls "Wound-Up Penguin" (N)		News	Friends	Drew Carey				
	WJLA (7) News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	George Lopez (N)	Married-Kellys	Hope & Faith	Life With Bonnie	The D.A. (N) (C)	News		(:35) Nightline				
	WUSA (9) News	CBS News	College Basketball	NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (C)					College Basketball NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (C)							
	WDCA (20) Moesha (C)	The Hughleys (C)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Game Over (C)	Game Over (C)	America's Next Top Model (C)		Seinfeld (C)	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg				
	WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (C)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	Wall-Fortune	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (C)			Teddy Pendergrass: From Teddy With Love -- 2002 (C)							
	WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (C)	Washington Week	Wall-Fortune	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (C)			Masterpiece Theatre's American Collection "Our Town" (C) (DVS)							
	WHUT (32) White House	Uncommon	BBC World News	MoneyWise	Evening Exchange		America: Beyond the Color Line		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (C)	Charlie Rose (N) (C)					
WBDC (50) The Parkers (C)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (C)	Steve Harvey	Reba (N) (C)	Reba (C)	Grounded for Life		The Help (N) (C)	Will & Grace (C)	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace (C)	Blind Date (N) (C)				
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential (C)		American Justice: Polly Klaas		"The Last King" (2004) Rufus Sewell, Diana Rigg. Charles II returns from exile and reclaims England's throne. (C)					Third Watch "Last Call" (C)					
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter (C)		Funniest Animals		The Planet's Funniest Animals (C)		The Planet's Funniest Animals (C)		Animal Cops Houston (C)		The Planet's Funniest Animals (C)				
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		How I'm Living		*** "48 HRS." (1982, Comedy-Drama) Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy.							BET Nightly News [Music Special			
	Bravo	Celebrity Poker Showdown (C)		Inside the Actors Studio Sitcom cast.		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (C)		*** "Pollock" (2000, Drama) Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Harden. (C)		Kathy Griffin: The D-List (C)						
	Comedy	Late Night (C)		The Daily Show	Mad TV Missy Elliott. (C)	Com.-Presents		Tracy Morgan: One Mic (C)		Com.-Presents		Com.-Presents		Premium Blend	Premium Blend	
	Court	Body of Evidence		Cops (C)	Cops (C)	Forensic Files		I, Detective (N)	Forensic Files	Masterminds (N)		The System "Tangled Web"		NYPD Blue "Caulksmanship" (C)		
	Discovery	Monster Garage "Delivery Truck"		Monster House "Vegas House" (C)		The Repossessors 2 (C)		American Chopper "Tool Bike 1"		American Chopper "Tool Bike 1"		The Repossessors 2 (N)		The Repossessors 2 (C)		
	DISCH	Rescue 911 (C)		Rescue 911 (C)		Paramedics "True Believers" (C)		Plastic Surgery: New York Style		Impact: Stories of Survival		Resident Life (C)		Plastic Surgery: New York Style		
	Disney	Even Stevens		Sister, Sister (C)	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	"Pixel Perfect" (2004) Ricky Ullman. A hologram sings for a struggling band.					Dave-Barbarian	That's So Raven	Kim Possible	The Proud Family	
	E!	Whitney & Bobby: Hollywood Story		E! News (N)	Facing Fame	Anna Kournikova		Celebrities Uncensored		Tawny Kitaen: THS		Howard Stern (N)		Howard Stern		
	FX	Married... With		Married... With	Cops (C)	Cops (C)	*** "Rising Sun" (1993, Drama) Sean Connery, Wesley Snipes, Harvey Keitel.					Cops "Nashville"		The Shield "Bottom Bitch" (C)		
	HGTV	Before & After		Bldg. Character	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift (N) (C)		Mission: Orgnz	Mission: Orgnz	Landscapers	Landscapers	Outer Spaces	Outer Spaces		
	Family	Full House (C)		Full House (C)	7th Heaven "Homecoming" (C)	★ "Au Pair II" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Gregory Harrison, Heidi Lenhart. (C)					Whose Line?		Whose Line?		The 700 Club (C)	
	History	Bigfoot and Other Monsters (C)		Modern Marvels (C)		Dead Men's Secrets (C)		Battles That Doomed Japan (C)		Battles That Doomed Hitler (C)						
	Lifetime	The Nanny (C)		Designing Women		Merge (C)		(1986) Nick Nolte, Bette Midler. (C)					"Her Married Lover" (1999, Suspense) Roxana Zal, Perry King. (C)			
	MTV	Made A model. (C)		Road to Miami (C)		Music Videos (C)		TRL (iTV) (C)		Music Videos (C)						
	NICK	U-Pick (C)		Sabrina-Witch	Rugrats (C)	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Teenage Robot	Jimmy Neutron	Nicktoons TV (C)	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne (C)		
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Point of No Return"		Andromeda After 300 years, a rescued crew joins forces with another ship. (C)					Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" (C)		Stargate SG-1 "Orpheus" (C)	Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" (C)				
	SPIKE	Real TV (C)		Real TV (C)	Star Trek: The Next Generation (C)		Star Trek: The Next Generation (C)		Star Trek: The Next Generation (C)		Star Trek: The Next Generation (C)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (C)			
	TBS	Home Improve.		Seinfeld (C)	Seinfeld (C)	Friends (C)	★ ★ "Murder at 1600" (1997) (PA) Wesley Snipes, Diane Lane. (C)					(:15) ★ ★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991, Drama) (PA) Cuba Gooding Jr. (C)				
TLC	Clean Sweep "Foster Fix-up" (C)		Trading Spaces: Family		While You Were Out		While You Were Out (N)		What Not to Wear "Marie" (N)		While You Were Out					
TNT	Charmed (C)		Law & Order "Menace" (C)		*** "The Wedding Singer" (1998) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore.					★ ★ "Fools Rush In" (1997, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek. (C)						
USA	Walker, Texas Ranger (C)		JAG "Past Tense" (C)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (C)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (C)		Touching Evil "Justine" (N) (C)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (C)					
VHI	(4:00) Rock Star		Behind the Music Britney Spears. (C)	Fabulous Life Of...	40 Greatest Rock Feuds (C)					You Rock With...	Fabulous Life Of...	Best Week Ever	Fabulous Life Of...			
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (C)		Sportscenter	NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Miami Heat. From the American Airlines Arena in Miami. (Live)					NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Lakers					
	ESPN2	LPGA Golf: Nabisco Champ.		Dream Job (C)	Billiards: Tour. of Champions		Boxing Friday Night Fights -- DeMarcus Corley vs. Oscar Diaz. (Live) (C)					Karate: ISKA				
	CSN	Totally NASCAR	SportsNite (C)	College Hockey NCAA Tournament East Regional Semifinal -- Teams TBA. From Albany, N.Y. (Same-day Tape)					SportsNite (C)		NBA Basketball: Wizards at Warriors					
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (C)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)		Paula Zahn Now (C)			Larry King Live (C)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown (C)		Lou Dobbs Tonight			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) (C)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (C)			Hannity & Colmes (Live) (C)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor			
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) (C)		The Future Is Now: Tech Summit 2004					Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball (C)			
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Thelma & Louise" (1991, Drama) Susan Sarandon. 'R'					★ ★ "Jaws 2" (1978) Roy Scheider. Another massive shark appears off the coast of Amity. 'PG'				★ "Jaws the Revenge" (1987) Lorraine Gary. 'PG-13'					
	TCM	★ ★ ★ "Swing Time" (1936, Musical) Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers. 'NR' (C)					★ ★ ★ "Madigan" (1968, Mystery) Richard Widmark. Premiere. 'NR'				★ ★ "Brannigan" (1975, Mystery) John Wayne, Richard Attenborough. 'PG'					
	HBO	(:15) ★ ★ "I Spy" (2002, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. (C) 'PG-13' (C)					★ ★ "Ricochet" (1991, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Ice-T. (C) 'R' (C)				Deadwood "Deadwood" (C) (C)		★ ★ "Nowhere to Run" (1993) (C) 'R'			
	MAX	Private Parts 'R' (:40) ★ ★ ★ "The Transporter" (2002) Jason Statham. (C)					(:15) ★ ★ "Resident Evil" (2002, Horror) Milla Jovovich. (C) 'R' (C)				★ ★ "The Ring" (2002, Horror) Naomi Watts, David Dorfman. (C) 'PG-13' (C)					
	SHOW	Playing Mona Lisa		★ ★ ★ "Radio Days" (1987) Mia Farrow. iTV. 'PG' (C)			★ ★ "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart. iTV. (C) 'PG-13' (C)				Dead Like Me "Vacation" (iTV) (C)		Family Business		Family Business	
	TMC	(:45) ★ ★ ★ "The Sum of All Fears" (2002) Ben Affleck. (C) 'PG-13' (C)					★ ★ ★ "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" (2002)				(:45) ★ ★ "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course" 'PG'		(:15) "Deviant Vixens II" (2002) 'NR'			
	STARZ!	Rabbit-Proof		(:45) ★ ★ "Cutthroat Island" (1995, Adventure) Geena Davis, Matthew Modine. (C) 'PG-13' (C)			★ ★ ★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen. (C) 'PG-13' (C)									
	ENCORE	(:10) ★ ★ "Dragonfly" (2002, Suspense) Kevin Costner. (C) 'PG-13' (C)					★ ★ "Reign of Fire" (2002, Fantasy) Christian Bale. (C) 'PG-13' (C)				★ ★ ★ "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell, David Arquette. (C) 'R' (C)					

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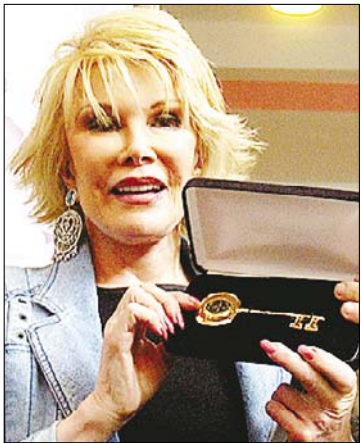
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People

HONORS
Stop or Your Face Might Freeze Like That — Oops

Tony-nominated actress and fashion maven JOAN RIVERS was awarded the key to the City of Miami Beach, Fla., by its mayor, David Dermer, on Thursday. She was also inducted into Gleason's Walk of Stars at the Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts in Miami Beach, which involved making concrete imprints of her hands. (AP)



The key to eternal youth: acid-wash denim and really large earrings.



ANDREW MILLIGAN/AP

DESCENDENTS
Elvis: A Closet Scot?

A writer's assertion that ELVIS PRESLEY's ancestors came from the Scottish town of Lonmay is luring fans, journalists and TV crews. In "The Presley Prophecy," Allan Morrison says he has traced Elvis's ancestry back more than 250 years. "It could be really good for tourism," said IAN HAINEY, above, spokesman for the Aberdeen and Grampian Highlands Tourist Board. (AP)



she had gotten beyond that time through prayer. (AP)

LAPSES
Restless in Rehab

Where's Whitney? The New York Daily News reports WHITNEY HOUSTON has left a drug rehabilitation facility five days after checking in. Houston's spokeswoman says Houston is in another location but

is still taking part in the rehab program. The Daily News quotes a source close to the singer as saying Houston left the facility because she "felt the walls were closing in on her." The source says Houston is now staying at a rented home near her home in the Atlanta area. Houston, 40,

admitted that she had abused drugs in the past, but told interviewer Diane Sawyer on ABC's "Primetime" that

HONORS
'Featureless Asphalt ... Y'all Are So Thoughtful'

A stretch of Interstate 85 in Georgia will likely be named for ALAN JACKSON. The state House voted 134-0 to honor the singer Thursday with a road naming in his native Coweta County. Jackson, 45, has twice been named favorite artist of the year by

Country Weekly magazine and sang "It's Five O'clock Somewhere" with



Jimmy Buffett. "He's the man," said Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, a Republican from Newnan, Jackson's hometown. The honor is awaiting the governor's approval. (AP)

BUFFY
SMG Neglects Her Roots

SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR won't appear in the series finale of "Angel," the spinoff of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," in which she played the title role. Joss Whedon, the show's executive producer and the creator of "Buffy," told TV Guide that he didn't invite Gellar to appear in the final epi-

sode because he didn't want it to "revolve around a guest star." He said



he invited Gellar to appear in the second-to-last episode, but she wasn't available because she was in Tokyo working on the horror film "The Grudge" when the show was being shot. (AP)



TINA FINEBERG/AP

Once the white-hot flame of Richard's rage ignites, it cannot be extinguished.

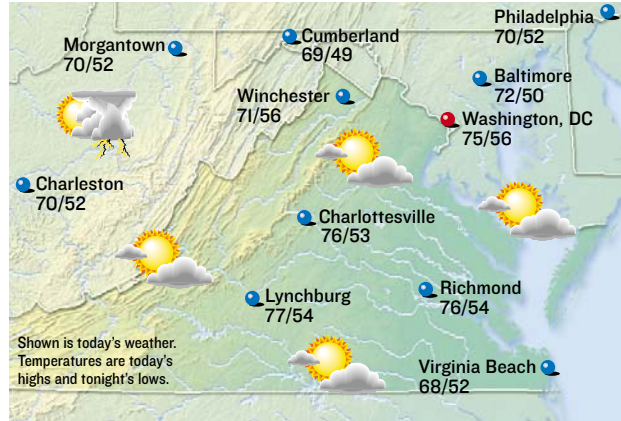
INCIDENTS
He Gets Cranky in Airports

RICHARD SIMMONS allegedly slapped a man who made a remark about his "Sweatin' to the Oldies" videos, police said. A passenger saw Simmons on Wednesday at Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport and said, "Hey everybody. It's Richard Simmons. Let's drop our bags and rock to the '50s." Simmons then apparently slapped him in the face, police said. The passenger told police that he intended to file charges. Simmons was cited for misdemeanor assault. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Table with 6 columns: Day (Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday), Weather icon, Description, and Temperature. Today: Becoming partly sunny and warm, 75°. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, a few showers late, 56°. Saturday: A shower early, then partly sunny, 75° / 48°. Sunday: Partly sunny, 62° / 40°. Monday: Variably cloudy; a bit cooler, 60° / 44°. Tuesday: Cloudy; a chance of showers, 64° / 48°.

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
High 70°
Low 47°
Normal high 59°
Normal low 40°
Average humidity 51%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.06"
Month to date 1.94"
Normal month to date 2.95"
Year to date 5.57"
Last year to date 12.25"
Normal year to date 8.90"

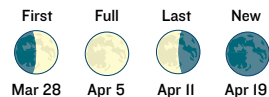
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Regional Forecast

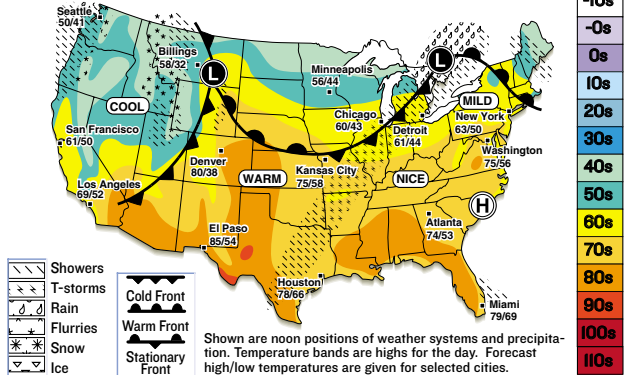
D.C. Metro: Today, becoming partly sunny, warm. High 75. Wind southwest 12-22 mph. Tonight, mild, showers late, perhaps a thunderstorm. Low 56.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:26 p.m.
Moonrise today 8:58 a.m.
Moonset today none



National Weather for Friday, March 26



National Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Low, and Sat. Hi/Low/W. Cities include Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Orlando, Seattle, etc.

World Cities

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN THE FIRST PAGE of Thursday's WeekendPass ("Send in the Clowns"), you fail to mention that the animals used in many circuses live a dismal life of confinement and violent training. It is standard practice to beat, shock and whip the animals to make them perform ridiculous tricks that they cannot comprehend. Once removed from their natural habitat, their lives consist of little more than chains and intimidation. Elephants born in breeding farms are torn from their mothers, tied and kept in isolation until they learn to fear their trainers. A more accurate title would be "The Greatest Tragedy on Earth."

—LAUREN SILVERMAN
Rockville, Md.

I WAS SURPRISED when I read your March 18 People item headlined, "They Make Great ... Drapes?" The veil covering Evita's body was an emblem of the Argentinean flag. Was it necessary to refer to them as "drapes?" Besides being a sensitive issue (some might consider Eva Peron a saint), it shows disregard for other people's national symbols. Don't leave your careers, because as diplomats, you're awful.

—DIEGO MAGRIN
Arlington, Va.

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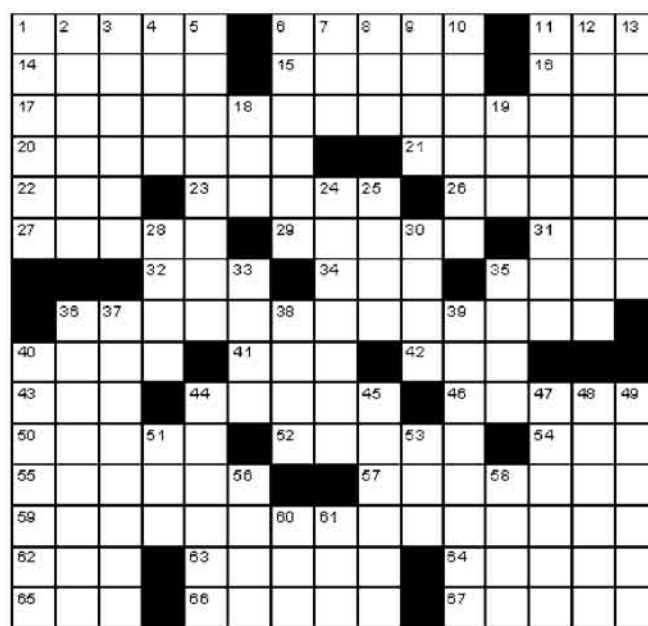
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Vegetarian Delights | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Piece of cake
- 6 Popular South African language group
- 11 Bonds might catch it
- 14 Words before and after "for"
- 15 Mogul Carl
- 16 Have regrets about
- 17 Revealed privileged information
- 20 Pestered
- 21 Fit snugly one inside another
- 22 Hem and haw sounds
- 23 Ingredient in varnishes and inks
- 26 Kind of Americano
- 27 Beer mug
- 29 Extremely enthusiastic
- 31 Actress Hagen
- 32 Start of a bad calculation?
- 34 Bird bill
- 35 Chi. Cub or NY Met, e.g.
- 36 Many pro football fans
- 40 Facial feature
- 41 Detroit, Mich. union
- 42 CSA soldier
- 43 Serena's specialty
- 44 Expensive fiddle, for short
- 46 "Easy ____"



- 50 Mideastern inn
- 52 Palestinians
- 54 Charm with flowers and candy
- 55 Psychological injury
- 57 Astrology diagrams
- 59 Presidential security advisor
- 62 "... ____ Justice for All" (Pacino flick)
- 63 Relating to birth
- 64 "____ Be" (Beatles)
- 65 Legal matter
- 66 On the mother's side
- 67 Sharp curves
- DOWN**
- 1 Converts a check
- 2 To some extent
- 3 Oder-____ Line (German-Polish border)
- 4 Autos' 4, 6, or 8, for short
- 5 Greek
- 6 Auction participant
- 7 Circus routine
- 8 Slangy turndown
- 9 That time
- 10 Straighten out, as an iron bar
- 11 "Freshmen do the

- dishes...," e.g.
- 12 Crescent-shaped sculptures
- 13 Spouse's meek response
- 18 Sushi bar delicacy
- 19 Paul Anka's "____ Beso"
- 24 Famous racehorse, retired in 1920
- 25 "Yeah, right"
- 28 Talk radio's Don
- 30 Steel support beam
- 33 Door position
- 35 Wealthy Londoners
- 36 Sightseer's guide
- 37 Objects of computer instructions
- 38 Chute opening?
- 39 American poet Sara ("Strange Victory")
- 40 Caboose, really
- 44 2002 Al Pacino flick
- 45 Impress deeply
- 47 Is in store for
- 48 Lawn bowling, Italian style
- 49 High school math subjects
- 51 IRS review (Abbr.)
- 53 Pen name of Charles Dickens
- 56 Arkin or Alda
- 58 Hot tempers
- 60 LAX display time
- 61 Don the feedbag

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your admiration of someone else must not be allowed to develop into anything that is intrusive or obsessive. Keep a healthy distance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Now is the time to pick up the pace if you expect to get far away from something that you are sure presents only danger to you and yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're in the mood for something much more adventurous than your current routine has to offer — but you must not cut any ties prematurely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may have trouble sitting still, as your imagination yearns to take you places that are new, exciting, and full of potential.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may not fully understand the messages being sent to you, but you do realize that something very important is currently in the making.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What you want and what is available to you may be different — or are they? While others say impossible, you say "why?" and strive on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may feel that you and a partner have been mismatched — but by day's end you'll realize you weren't combining talents effectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You'll want to plan things with great care. As you begin the day, lay out all the possibilities before you, and narrow them down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may be unusually lazy during the first part of the day, but once you get moving you'll be able to accomplish almost anything.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The most important things to you are those which are just out of reach — or so you think. Try looking a little closer to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Take care that a loved one does not misunderstand the attention you're giving someone else. You may have some explaining to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your appreciation of all things that are difficult and mysterious will be tested throughout this complex day. You may get fed up.

LIVE ONLINE

Cherry Jubilee

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

National Park Service Chief Horticulturalist **ROBERT DEFEQO** was online Thursday with his predictions for the blooming of the cherry trees.

What will the cherry blossoms be like this weekend?

The weeping and autumn flowering cherry trees will be in full bloom, however, they are not the predominant cherry that surrounds the Tidal Basin. That is the Yoshino cherry tree, which will be in the puffy, white stage with a few scattered blossoms open.

We are forecasting the bloom period to be March 28 through April 10, and the peak from April 2 through April 4.

Where can I go to take nice shots of the cherry blossoms?

Two popular spots would be the FDR Memorial or the Jefferson Memorial, shooting across the Tidal Basin with the Washington Monument in the background. Or you can go to the paddle-boat parking and shoot to the south, with the Jefferson Memorial in the background.

Also, Fountain No. 4, by the Inlet Bridge at the Tidal Basin, has a variety of trees and flowers at this time.

Will this summer's cicadas destroy the cherry trees?

No. They may result in some thin branches being damaged when they lay their eggs, but this damage is taken care of by pruning.

Will the National Park Service have better signs this year letting tourists know that it's a federal crime to pick the blossoms?

There will be an increase in signs and an increased presence of NPS rangers who will be enforcing the law. It most certainly damages the trees and the NPS expends a significant amount of effort to correct the damage after the festival. So please do not pick the blossoms. Leave them for others to enjoy.

Today on Live Online

1 P.M.: Post columnist John Kelly takes questions on his recent columns, life in Washington and more.

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